

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1140

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; prohibiting requirement
8 for private child-placing agency to participate in
certain placements; prohibiting denial or renewal of
9 certain license under certain circumstances;
prohibiting denial of grants or contracts under
10 certain circumstances; prohibiting certain civil
action; providing for codification; and providing an
11 effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-112 of Title 10A, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. To the extent allowed by federal law, no private child-
18 placing agency shall be required to perform, assist, counsel,
19 recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in any placement of a
20 child for foster care or adoption when the proposed placement would
21 violate the agency's written religious or moral convictions or
22 policies.

23 B. The Department of Human Services shall not deny an
24 application for an initial license or renewal of a license or revoke

1 the license of a private child-placing agency because of the
2 agency's objection to performing, assisting, counseling,
3 recommending, consenting to, referring, or participating in a
4 placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral
5 convictions or policies.

6 C. A state or local government entity may not deny a private
7 child-placing agency any grant, contract, or participation in a
8 government program because of the agency's objection to performing,
9 assisting, counseling, recommending, consenting to, referring, or
10 participating in a placement that violates the agency's written
11 religious or moral convictions or policies.

12 D. Refusal of a private child-placing agency to perform,
13 assist, counsel, recommend, consent to, refer, or participate in a
14 placement that violates the agency's written religious or moral
15 convictions or policies shall not form the basis of a civil action.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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